

COUNCIL CONFIRMS MAYOR'S NOMINEE

Mr. Gordon the New Police Commissioner by Almost Unanimous Vote--Other Matters

At the regular meeting of the Common Council last night Mayor Wise named S. S. Gordon as a successor to Mr. Laurin, who recently resigned from the police commission, and the Council confirmed the nomination by an almost unanimous vote. Councilman Belland was the only member who voted against.

"I wish to explain my vote," said Councilman Belland. "A man came to me today—a man who is a representative of that class of people in the redlight district—and said that he was strongly in favor of Mr. Gordon. He also said that all those people down there are also for Mr. Gordon. The kind of man that those people want is not the kind of man that I want, and therefore I vote no."

Mayor Wise explained that Mr. Gordon is in favor of a decent, and a "closed town," and that he had said he is. After the meeting had adjourned there was considerable discussion about Mr. Belland's attitude, and while his honesty of purpose and convictions in the matter were respected, there was a disposition among some to believe that some sort of a trick had been played upon Mr. Belland by a man who merely pretended that he and his kind are in favor of Mr. Gordon. At all events there is general satisfaction that Mayor Wise named so representative a citizen and that the council honored him with a vote that was virtually unanimous. Someone remarked that Mr. Gordon will not be a "me, too," man and that he will work in harmony with the others on the commission, Mr. Foard and Judge Page. It is presumed that the commission will meet soon to appoint a successor to Chief of Police Gammal, who has resigned. It was noticed last night that Councilman Kaboth and others, whom some thought might favor a different candidate, were heartily in favor of Mr. Gordon.

MANY MATTERS.

There were many matters of importance brought up and passed upon by the Council and the meeting might be taken almost as a model one for precision and dispatch. A vast amount of routine matter was passed upon. One of the little surprises of the evening arose out of the telephone matter. The Automatic Company, which was understood that it had only until the 11th of this month to accept its franchise, asked for an extension of time in which to accept to October 10. It was explained, however, that under the terms of the initiative and referendum laws, the franchise did not actually become a law until the expiration of 20 days after the Mayor had signed it, and this added to the 30 days granted by the franchise itself, gives the company 50 days in which to accept. Therefore the ordinance in extension would be virtual-

ly useless and was so held. "Anyway," said Councilman Logan, "we're apt to hear something drop pretty soon." Seeing that he had said too little or too much Dr. Logan explained himself.

"The rumor come to me today," he said, "that the Pacific States Company has given orders to stop work on its contract to build here. They thought the other company was about out of it because their franchise hadn't been accepted."

Naturally, Dr. Logan's rumor caused a tiny bit of a sensation, and that there is something going on in the telephone field that the public probably does not understand seems true. That the Pacific States Company is going to drop its contract and all its promises of improvement in Astoria will probably be given credence by very few, however. Some have intimated that the Pacific States Company seemed to be very well satisfied with the whole deal, and the intimation has been made that the Automatic people may have given up their efforts for a consideration. The fact that the Automatic Company has not yet accepted the franchise looks somewhat odd to some persons. Yet it is true that the company is canvassing for subscribers in the city with more or less success. If there is a "nigger in the woodpile," his position and exact identity have not yet appeared, and Dr. Logan's rumor doesn't clarify the situation, apparently, and probably will bring out a heated denial today from "Andy."

SEAWALL NEXT.

Chief of Police Gammal thanked the Council for their consideration of him and respectfully asked that his accounts be audited before he leaves office.

The meeting adjourned to meet next Friday night, to listen to a report—a final report—by the charter amendment committee on the seawall proposition. It is understood that this report will be a final one and that no amendments to the charter will be submitted save the one pertaining to the seawall, though there are various other amendments said to be imperatively required. But another tiny bit of a sensation was sprung last night, though it was received apparently with great good nature. This was a request from 105 citizens—probably 105 of the leading citizens and among them most of the biggest property holders in the city—politely requesting the Council NOT to submit any seawall amendment to the people at all.

Yet it is quite probable that the amendment will be submitted to the people. In some quarters there seems a strong disposition to mildly criticize Dr. Logan and others of the charter amendment committee because all their sessions have been secret ones, and there seems little doubt that their seawall amendment will come into the world bearing the taint of suspicion that most things carry which are born in secrecy. The people will have a chance for the first time next Friday night to learn just what the seawall amendment is.

ELECTRIC LINE FRANCHISE

Captain F. L. Evans, the promotor of the projected electric line to Seaside, was present at the meeting last night and two matters arose of much interest in relation to the line. First, of all there was presented a petition from Mr. Evans that the Council take steps to grade and improve to their full width, certain streets and that their grades be made to coincide with the grades established by Mr. Evans along the proposed routing of the car lines.

The petition covers many streets. Secondly that certain important streets be extended in an easterly direction. The Council took no definite action on these matters, but will prepare them and have them in shape for the next meeting. Mr. Evans stated that it was very desirable that these matters be started inasmuch as representatives of the financiers will be here on the 25th of this month. It is presumed that the Council will do everything in its power to aid in the project, as long as the requests are in reason.

ROTTEN PILING.

J. F. Kearney, the street superintendent, sent in a communication in relation to certain streets. He urged that the Council appoint one or more persons to accompany him to look into the piling and caps on Bond at 46th street, as he said they are badly

rotted there. The rotten conditions are seriously bad in the alley through blocks at Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, also on Forty-second street from the alley to Bond street, and on Bond from Forty-second street east as far as the trestle runs on that street. There is also a bad place at Thirty-seventh and Commercial, Mr. Kearney stated. He urged that Bond from Ninth to Fourteenth be either closed up or repaired. This matter will be looked into.

THE IRVING SLIDE.

Of course the Irving slide had to come up. City Engineer A. S. Tee sent in a written report as to what may be done. Mr. Tee recommended that the area covered by trees, shrubs etc., be cleared; that a main ditch be excavated and sluiced into the side of the slide, and lateral ditches made; and after being drained it may be necessary to break the surface of the soapstone by the use of explosives; the sluicing would necessitate the removal of a large amount of dirt, which could be used to advantage in making a fill below. The report seems to be an excellent one.

Councilman Belland voiced an objection that has been made frequently before in this discussion, namely, that the city would be establishing a dangerous precedent if it commenced work on private property for the needs and to the benefit of private property owners. Therefore the whole matter was referred again to the city attorney and city engineer to draw up a resolution arranging for a private district or districts to handle the work, presumably with the understanding that the property owners don't object to the whole plan. The Council seems finally to have arrived at the conclusion that the city is not responsible in any degree for the slide and that if property is damaged as a result of the grade and the fill that the owners must submit to the damage as best they can. This principle was enunciated very clearly last night.

NEW PETITIONS.

Petitions for saloon license for the "World's Fair" saloon, Commercial street, by T. F. Schneidnagge; referred to committee.

From John A. Shaw and others asking that Cedar street be improved from 51st to 54th streets, and that 52nd and 53rd be improved from Birch to Cedar; referred.

From Van Dusen Investment Co., asking that the grade be established on Cedar street from 53rd to 54th; referred.

From F. V. Conkel to improve by private contract a portion of Jerome avenue; granted.

From A. R. Foote, asking for extension of time in which to improve Commercial street, from Third to Hinman tract. Filed.

From L. Larsen, saloon license at "Foster's Exchange." Referred.

From 105 prominent property holders asking the Council not to propose any seawall project in the proposed charter amendments; referred to committee on charter.

Petition from E. Z. Ferguson, H. G. Van Dusen and F. L. Evans that Irving, Jerome, Kensington, Lexington, Madison and a portion of Niagara street, be extended as shown on an attached map; for the better purposes of the proposed new electric street car lines; and that such parts of Irving, Jerome, Lexington, Madison and Summit streets as be in Shively's Astoria be vacated; referred.

Petition from F. L. Evans, promotor of the new electric street car line, to grade and improve to full width certain streets, and that their grades be made to coincide with the grades of the new street car line, as surveyed by F. L. Evans; the petition covers many streets; referred.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS.

Remonstrance from Lena F. and D. H. Welch against accepting improvement of Irving avenue, 18th to Shively's Astoria; filed.

From county court, urging that the proposed improvement of Cedar street, 51st to 54th, be granted, as it will give better connection with road already built to Mill Creek; and because the county court proposes to extend as soon as possible the said road to John Day and Svenson and Knappa; referred.

From P. J. Goodman and others in regard to culvert at 34th street and Grand avenue; referred with power to act.

From J. E. Ferguson remonstrating against conditions of improvements of Eighth street, Harrison to Lexington; referred.

From George A. Liebe of The Dalles in regard to street assessments on his property; he states that the assessment of \$1254 is "outrageous"; that he has paid taxes in said property for 40 years and last year alone he paid \$172 for street improvements. The improvement is in Ninth street, and Kensington avenue, being block 119; referred.

From D. H. Welch et al in regard

to the sliding ground in the Irving avenue improvement, 18th to 20th, asking the Council to take some action to protect their property; filed.

From John Hahn in regard to damages to his property alleged to be caused by change of grade on Commercial street; referred to city attorney.

GRANTED OR DENIED.

Petition of Mrs. J. G. Hustler, asking exemption from paying interest on certain street improvements; placed on file.

Petition from Badollet & Co. in regard to sewer repairs on Ninth street, asking that the city reimburse the company; petition denied.

Petition for saloon license by H. Vahlising; granted.

Petition for saloon license by T. Berg & Juntilla; granted.

ORDINANCES PASSED.

Ordinance known as the "smoke-house" ordinance, providing how they shall be constructed, etc.

To confirm assessment roll in Grand avenue improvement, Seventh to Sixth streets.

RESOLUTIONS.

To construct a sewer on 51st street, Cedar to Birch.

To construct a sewer on Irving from 11th to a Point 150 feet east of 11th.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED.

Extending the time in which the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company may accept the franchise granted to it; time to be extended to October 10, 1908.

Accepting improvement of Irving avenue, 11th to 15th; rules suspended and passed.

Accepting improvement of Twenty-third street, Commercial to Exchange; rules suspended and passed.

Extending time for completion of 10th street, Irving to Kensington, to October 1, 1909; rules suspended and passed.

Extending time for completion of Harrison, 8th to 12th, to October 1, 1909; rules suspended and passed.

Extending time for completion of improvement on Irving avenue, 18th to Shively's, to October 1, 1909; rules suspended and passed.

Extending time for completing improvement on Commercial street from Third to Hinman tract, to December 15th; rules suspended and passed.

Providing for time and manner of improving 46th street from alley, between blocks 102 and 103, Adair's, to a point 905 feet north; passed on third reading.

Granting franchise over certain streets to Oregon Coast Company; referred.

CLAIMS GRANTED.

Lenora Benoit, \$5; John Svenson, \$7; various claims by Astoria Budget; Astoria Electric Co., \$491.40; Knapp Fuel Co., \$13; Fritz Voss, hauling, 50 cents; R. M. Gaston, sundries, \$1.45; Ross, Higgins Co., feed, \$8.50; Astoria Iron Works, supplies, \$8.00; Elmore & Co., coal, \$62; Pacific Iron Works, supplies, \$2.25; A. G. Long, supplies, \$14.40; Foard & Stokes, supplies, \$16.15; C. E. Foster, for bill paid, \$2.25; Saarinen & Hayes, supplies, \$30.70; Scow Bay Iron Works, repairs to Silsby fire engine, \$934.09; Astoria Iron Works, repair to fire engine, \$668.15; Telephone Company, \$3; Hanson & Nelson, gravel roof on fire engine house, \$300; Astoria Electric Co., \$26.85; Clatsop Mills Co., supplies, \$25.50; Saarinen & Hayes, supplies, \$26.25; Geo. Lundstrom, supplies, \$14.65; Telephone Company, 70 cents; Alex Johnson, scavenger work, \$20; H. Humbel, feeding prisoners, \$45.50; Scholfield & Mattson, supplies, \$3.45; Columbia Drug Co., supplies, \$2.25; Central Meat Market, meat for smallpox patient, \$1.60.

POLICE JUDGE.

Statement of Auditor and Police Judge for August; received on account of fines and forfeitures, \$322.

THINK MEYERS ROBBED

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bonds, insurance policies, bankbooks and heirlooms of the Meyers family. The most valuable contents of the box were three notes signed by Henry W. Meyers and Milton L. Meyers, the venerable merchant's sons who have been fighting him bitterly in the courts for the last month. One of these notes was for \$38,600 dated in July, 1907, due in 10 years and drawing 5 per cent interest, the other two notes were executed by the sons in the father's favor last spring, and were in the amounts of \$6000 and \$8000 payable on demand with 5 per cent interest. These notes cover the value of the large store of Joseph Meyers & Sons, and new stock put into it. As security for the notes Meyers accepted the capital stock in the store, \$12,000 worth of which was also in the stolen strong box.

GIVES TESTIMONY

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made him sick and he vomited, thus saving his life. He gave no special reason for wishing to end his life, except that he had no desire to live. He said that he had made previous attempts at suicide. Davis has not been arrested.

Mrs. Rice in her testimony said that Rustin asked her to kill him about two weeks ago. She consented and agreed to shoot herself afterward. She said: "I was to shoot him in his office August 1st. He thought the noise of the cars would drown the noise of the revolver shots."

BAD HOTEL FIRE.

Denver Has a Wild Fire Panic With All Accompaniments.

DENVER, Sept. 8.—One man plunged to his death and a half dozen others received probably fatal injuries in a wild panic that followed the discovery of fire in the Belmont Hotel this morning.

Guests awakened from their sleep by the cry of fire rushed pell mell into the halls, hemmed in by flames from all sides and in a mad effort to escape fought and struggled while rescuers were forced back by columns of smoke and the mounting flames.

For several minutes, while the blaze worked its way to every corner of the structure, the terrified victims were helpless, and finally as if moved by the same impulse all rushed forward in mad desperation.

It was estimated that a least one hundred persons were asleep in the building when the fire broke out. All of them had jumped from their beds, dressed only in their night robes.

As soon as the victims reached the street they were taken to other hotels and given shelter for the night. It is believed the fire started from defective wiring in the third story.

THE "HUGHES TEST."

Renomination of Popular Governor Now Not So Sure.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Results of the "Hughes test," in 13 of the assembly districts of New York and Kings counties in the republican primary elections today were exceedingly interesting and decidedly contradictory. According to figures obtained late tonight six of the New York districts cast majorities for the re-nomination for governor and three against. All of the three King's county districts cast decisive majorities against Governor Hughes' renomination. King's county as a whole, show a net vote of more than two to one against the governor. All kinds of inferences drawn tonight from figures by advocates and opponents of the governor's renomination. It is claimed that King's county districts are democratic districts.

LOS ANGELES PLAGUE.

Case of Bubonic Disease Discovered at Squirrel Park.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—A case of bubonic plague was discovered in Los Angeles. The victim is a boy named Mulholland, a son of the reservoir tender of Elysian Park, and a nephew of William Mulholland, consulting engineer of the city water works. Three weeks ago the boy was found sick at Squirrel Park. The sickness that followed was declared bubonic plague. It has been discovered that Squirrel's Park is afflicted with the disease. Extermination of Squirrel's Park is actively proceeding. It is believed there will be no spread of the disease.

STEAM, NOT SMOKE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—An audience of labor day theatre-goers, the majority of whom were women, trembled on the verge of a panic at the Lyric theatre yesterday, when steam used as a stage effect poured across the stage, giving everyone an impression that a fire had started behind the scenes.

All persons in the densely packed balcony leaped to their feet. A few women in the front rows started for the doors, frightening the people in the orchestra. The house was dark and some of the more timid women in the orchestra rushed to the aisle. A man with good sense shouted from the back rows that the supposed smoke was only steam and sternly commanded the women to be seated. A few made their way out of the theatre, but after that the audience settled down and the play proceeded without further scares.

"THE MISSOURI GIRL."

Of all the attractions which have visited Astoria in the past decade, none is more popular with the theatre-going public than that quaint and always welcome, pretty domestic comedy, "The Missouri Girl." Its author and manager, Mr. Fred Raymond, feels justly proud of its unbounded success as a work of dramatic art, years of popular favor, and wonderful drawing powers. It is a faithful picture of American country life, with a healthful and invigorating atmosphere. In the construction of this truly successful play Mr. Raymond has given to the American stage two character delineations, "Zeke" and "Daisy," which stand alone as laugh producers, and one wonders at the unadulterated simplicity which characterizes those two excruciatingly funny creations; but the play has also its serious side of life, which brings into action an exceptionally strong company of artists. "The Missouri Girl" is remarkable for the attention which is given to the details in the elaborate settings and accessories giving the play a most realistic effect. During the action of the play novel musical numbers, songs and dances are introduced. The oftener the public see "The Missouri Girl," the oftener they want to see it. It is undoubtedly the greatest self-advertising play on the American stage today. That is the reason why it has been seen by millions of the theatre-goers during its years before the public. It pleases all classes; hence its unprecedented success. "The Missouri Girl" will be at the opera house on Wednesday, September 16th, one week from tonight.

PUGILISTIC PARADISE

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received more attention for a few moments than was shown the principals. Nelson last night weighed a fraction over 133 pounds and expects to reduce to that figure easily. The light road work of yesterday is to be repeated today.

Gans is exactly at weight and still confines his training work today to a short run and light gymnasium work. Betting is brisk at 10 to 6, with Nelson the favorite.

Opinion as to the relative merits of the fighters appears as evenly divided as when they last met. Supporters of Gans, contending that he was not in proper condition when he lost the title, expect him to keep Nelson at a greater distance while the Dane's admirers count confidently on his aggressive rushing and ability to absorb punishment to gain him the victory.

BASEBALL GAMES.

National League.
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2.
Philadelphia 6, Boston 4.
Pittsburg 2, St. Louis 0.
Brooklyn 0, New York 1.

American League.
Washington 1, Boston 3.
New York 5, Philadelphia 6.
Detroit 2, Chicago 5.
Cleveland 0, St. Louis 2.

Pacific Coast League.
San Francisco 6, Oakland 0.
Portland 1, Los Angeles 4.
Northwest League.
Seattle 6, Butte 10.
Tacoma 1, Vancouver 5.

RETURNS SLOW

McBride Ahead of McMad at the Spokane Precincts.

SPOKANE, Sept. 9.—At 12:15 complete returns in a number of city precincts give McBride 285, McMad 147.

TACOMA, Sept. 8.—Only three precincts in the city of Tacoma are complete at midnight and give little indication of a final result. Mead for governor is in the lead with Cosgrove a close second. In the second congressional district scattering returns strongly favor Jones for United States Senator with the gubernatorial candidates about even.

CHAMPION TURTLE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—There is on exhibition at the aquarium at Battery this morning the largest turtle ever heard of by the aquarium authorities. It is of the leather back variety, the largest known sea turtle. It weighs 840 pounds and was captured in a fisherman's net off Belford, N. J. The director of the aquarium, Dr. Townsend, secured the turtle from its captor and it was shipped to the aquarium. Eight men were required to lift the turtle into the large tank in the middle of the old castle garden building where the aquarium is located.



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